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NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONGKONG OFFICE of the CHINESE IMPERIAL MARINE CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be MOVED from the present premises, 2nd Floor 16, Queen's Road Central, to the 2nd Floor, YORK BUILDINGS, Chater Road, from and after THURSDAY, the 4th instant.

W. R. M. D. PARR,
Commissioner of Customs.
Hongkong, June 3, 1908.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 559 of 19th May the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 8th inst., 'WHIT MONDAY.'

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

DURING my Absence from the Colony on leave, Mr. H. L. FLETCHER will act as SURVEYOR to Lloyd's Register.

JNO. LAMBERT,
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register, Hongkong.
Hongkong, June 2, 1908.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

MEMBERS are informed that H. E. S. FREDERICK LUGARD, K.C.M.G., has kindly consented to OPEN THE CLUB HOUSE on SATURDAY AFTER-NOON, the 6th inst.

T. CHEE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, June 2, 1908.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY AUTHORIZED Mr. E. CHANDOOBHAY To Sign My Firm.

E. PABANEY.
Hongkong, June 1, 1908.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1908.

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Hongkong, June 3, 1908. 493

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217,837,115
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Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.
SATURDAY, June 6:
Night—Auction of Diamond Rings, Gold
Watches, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lam-
mert's Sales Rooms.

MONDAY, June 8:
Exchange Banks Closed.
Insurance Offices Closed.

TUESDAY, June 9:
Goods per "Kobe" undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 10:
11 a.m.—Auction of Surplus Stores and
Office Furniture, &c., at H. M. Naval
Yard Extension.

THURSDAY, June 11:
Night—Auction of Old Iron, Railings,
Furniture, &c., at the Ma-tau-kok.
Night—Auction of Leasehold Property,
at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.
Goods per "Kobe" undelivered after noon
this date subject to rent.

NOTICE.
Letters relating to business should be addressed
to THE MANAGER.
Communications relating to news should be
addressed to THE EDITOR.
Correspondents must forward their names
and addresses with any communications ad-
dressed to the Editor, not for publication but
as evidence of good faith.
All letters for publication should be written
on one side of the paper only.
No anonymously signed communications that
have already appeared in other papers will be
inserted.
Orders for extra copies of the "CHINA MAIL"
should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day after
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The China Mail
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1908.

INDIAN STUDENTS IN JAPAN.
THERE is some justification for a belief
among the less well-informed Japanese
that British rule in India is harsh and
unsympathetic. The "Japan Times,"
a paper published at Tokyo in English
but owned and conducted by Japanese,
recently afforded space in its cor-
respondence column to a long letter
signed "A. K. Das" into which was
compressed the maximum of false
statements in reference to the British
in India. Das declares that British
merchants in India lend money to the
natives on security of crops which are
of a value from three to four times
the loan and that repayment is exacted
with "inhuman cruelty." We read
that "poor and ignorant farmers,
being in a critical position take
the British merchant's money to
fill their long emptied stomachs, but
are afterwards tortured to death." This
dangerous nonsense may possibly be
believed by a great number of
Japanese who read English and as,
in all probability, the letter has been
copied by the vernacular papers these
wantonly false statements go into wide
circulation as a true account of
conditions in our Indian Empire.
While this is highly regrettable there
is no help for it. Apparently the
Press Law in Japan, while it gives the
Government great power to prevent
any criticism of the local adminis-
tration does not enable the Government
to prevent even its own subjects from
libelling foreigners. It was only the
other day that an important Japanese

newspaper published a series of ab-
surd, but highly damaging, statements
about Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Co., Ltd., alleging that that great firm
was responsible for the boycott and had
actually set apart a fund of money to
encourage and extend it. A short
while before the Osaka papers set out
on a campaign of calumny against
foreign merchants in Japan and reck-
lessly published statements most
detrimental to their credit which,
in the majority of instances had
absolutely no foundation in fact. If the
law cannot prevent this sort of thing it
is obvious that general charges such as
those made by the Indian who wrote
to the "Japan Times" cannot be
restrained. But after all it would be
expecting too much of the Japanese
Government to think that it would
trouble to suppress calumnies against
the British Government. We permit
the Steads, the Blounts, the Keir
Hardies and men of that type to calu-
mny their country and to incite de-
pendent races to rebellion; and it would
be ridiculous for us to expect the Ja-
panese authorities to endeavour to sup-
press improprieties which we ourselves
tolerate. It is to be hoped, however,
that the British press in Japan en-
deavours to put the facts fairly before
the Japanese public. Misapprehension
in regard to our policy in India and
Egypt may easily lead to distrust in our
entire colonial and foreign policy and
distrust between allies is dangerous.
We are glad to note that the "Japan
Daily Mail" has endeavoured to coun-
teract the effect of the Indian person's
mendacities and we hope other papers
at Yokohama and Kobe will afford it
support.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
Health conditions seem to be pretty
bad in Singapore. There were 273 deaths
in the week ended March 23.

The scheme of dredging the Yellow
River for the purpose of establishing a
steam navigation service has been aban-
doned owing to lack of funds.

According to a Shanghai exchange the
Chinese police in the districts just outside
the Settlement are too busy arresting each
other to pay any attention to criminals.

We have received a sample of John-
son's M.P. whisky from Messrs. H.
Kutson and Sons. This whisky is said
to be well adapted for special dietetic
purposes.

The interesting point whether the
Sultans of the different Federated Malay
States are independent sovereigns is under
consideration by the Singapore Supreme
Court.

The question of the continuance of
military rank to officers of the Indian Army
who elect civil or political employment is
now before the Secretary of State for final
consideration.

Liu Yi, acting Chinese Consul for
South Africa, has wired to the Waitapu
to grant him Tael 4,000 more than his
present pay as funds to meet expenses are
much needed.

A London cable, dated the 17th in-
stant, reports that the horse of the Chief
Justice's carriage bolted at Battersea and
galloped furiously through several streets
finally dashing into a public-house door-
way. Lord Alverstone was severely
shaken.

If the nervous agitation now shown
by the Occident does not soon yield to a
surer and sounder frame of mind, it will
be necessary to consider very seriously the
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